GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INTRODUCTION OF MEANS CUM- MERIT -SCHOLARSHIP
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Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce means-cum-merit scholarship for the wards of Indians living abroad for study in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) A Scholarship Programme for Diaspora Children (SPDC) for wards of People of Indian Origin/Non-Resident Indians has been started since 2006. Selection of eligible students for the scholarship is based on a test conducted through Education Consultants India Ltd. Presently there is no means-cum-merit basis for the scholarship.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.